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SUBJECT: SMALL SCALE NAVAL EXERCISES BETWEEN MIDEASTFOR AND IIN

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1. SINCE DISPATCHING TEHRAN REFTEL WE HAVE BEEN FURTHER BRIEFED ON PROPOSED JCS DIRECTIVE BY VISITING JCS STAFF MEMBERS. WITH BACKGROUND THEY PROVIDED, WE WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY OUR POSITION ON PROPOSED DIRECTIVE.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO EXPANDED FREQUENCY OF JOINT EXERCISES OR RELAXED JCS DEFINITION OF SIGNIFICANT EXERCISES. IN GENERAL, WE FAVOR INCREASED IIN/USN ACTIVITY WHICH CAN CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENED IRANIAN NAVAL PRESENCE IN GULF AND INDIAN OCEAN. WE RECONIZE, HOWEVER, THAT EMBASSIES ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF GULF MAY HAVE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON THIS ASPECT OF PROPOSAL.

3. WHAT EVER CHANGES MAY BE MADE IN PROGRAMMING OF EXERCISES, WE MUST STRONGLY INSIST THAT EMBASSY REMAIN THE CHANNEL FOR COMMUNICATIONS PROPOSING COMIDEASTFOR AND OTHER USN EXERCISES
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TO IIN. ACCORDINGLY, WE SHOULD BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF ANY

CONTEMPLATED USN/IRN EXERCISE, I.E., BEFORE SUCH PROPOSAL IS
CONVEYED TO IIN. OUR EXPERIENCE TO DATE SHOWS THAT EMBASSY
CLEARANCE INVOLVES NO SIGNIFICANT DELAY. WITH THIS EXCEPTION
WE HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN APPROVING THE DRAFT JCS DIRECTIVE.
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